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*All Aboard for Old Town – Next Stop Stagecoach Days Events*

**JULY 10, 17, 24, 31      AND      AUGUST 7, 14, 21, 28**

**STAGECOACH DAYS: CELEBRATING THE WEST ON THE MOVE - FREE**

Old Town San Diego State Historic Park.  
12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

It's been over a century since the last stage line operated in San Diego. Beginning in 1857, stage lines passed through rural San Diego moving passengers, freight, and mail. These new services helped bring the outside world a little closer to this emerging frontier community that we know today as San Diego.

For each Saturday in July and August, come join us as we celebrate travel and transportation in the era of real horsepower – before the train and automobile. Imagine yourself traveling down dusty dirt roads either by horse, wagon, or stagecoach making your way to San Diego in the 1860s. In addition to the permanent collection of historic wagons on display at Seeley Stable museum, coaches and wagon will be out in plaza.

Each week will offer a different theme and activities, such as Stagecoaching, Cattle Drive, Women and the West, Californios, Trades that Shaped the West, Military, and a Mark Twain Fest. Smell the aroma of food cooking over an open flame as costume interpreters prepare 19<sup>th</sup> chuck wagon grub. Hear the sounds of blacksmiths pounding iron and carpenters sawing wood. Try your luck by participating in 19<sup>th</sup> century games for both children and adults. Join the military as they describe life as a soldier fighting in the Mexican War. Take the reins as you learn to handle a horse.

Stay the day and enjoy activities that reflect life in San Diego during the mid-1800s. All of the activities are part of Old Town San Diego State Historic Park's celebration of 19<sup>th</sup> century transportation, especially the stagecoach. Through vignettes, demonstrations, living history, stories, songs, and stagecoach equipment, visitors will gain an appreciation for travel and daily life.

Old Town San Diego State Historic Park along with the Boosters of Old Town are proud to offer these **FREE** activities to adults and children of all ages. The park is located on San Diego Avenue and Twiggs Street in San Diego, and is conveniently located next to the Old Town Transit Center, with Coaster, Trolley, and MTS bus service.

For more information on activities, go to [www.parks.ca.gov/oldtownsandiego](http://www.parks.ca.gov/oldtownsandiego), or call 619-220-5422.